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Head Quarters 67th U. S. Colored Infantry.

Morganza, La., April 14th 1865.

My Dear Mother:

Since I last wrote home on the 4th inst. I have received no letter except the one enclosed in Mr. Estlin's letter. I am expecting one however every day, and hope to hear that you are all well. This is Good Friday. I believe, and calls to my remembrance former days.

My health is very good thank God, and I hope it will long continue so. My surroundings are not very favorable for the health, but still the weather is cool. The River continues slowly to rise. It is nearly up to the top of the Levee. We are ready to move on boats, which are here; at any moment. We drill now 7 hours daily, and our men are acquiring a perfection in everything soldierly, much to be desired.

The weather is nice, just cool enough to make it pleasant drilling.

The glorious war news we hear these times is enough to make us all hop for joy.

When we heard of Lee's defeat & rout, we formed in line and rent the air with shouts, our guns were fired as a salute. Col. Edgerton made a short and appropriate speech to the Regt, and then we cheered him.

Apr 14,

Richmond is ours at last! and so is
Petersburg. And so soon will be all their
cities till not a single foot of territory
is left for them to disgrace with their presence.
Hurrah! for Grant, Sherman, and Sheridan,
and above all for Lincoln. With them our
nation is safe. Davis called for 3000 Colored troops
Weitzel gave them to him at Richmond.

We are confident here of a speedy overthrow of
the Rebellion. Mobile is ours also, if we can credit
the latest Telegrams. Fort Blakely & Spanish Fort are
taken for certain. Selma is ours also.

One of my aunts found \$900. the other day and left
it with me to take care of. The owner was found in
a few days: a private in C. "B." who gave the finder
\$100 reward. There is very little interesting news
to be sent from here. All apprehensions of an attack
have vanished and we seem to rest in peace.
The health of Officers and men is good. St. Vallery
resigned & went home. St. Croix ought to be back in a week.
If the Lord will I would like to go home this summer
or fall. Perhaps the war may be ended by that time.
Sent a letter to Elizabeth from William who is well.
Respects to all my friends. I have not received any
letters or papers from my Cousins. Love to Father and
Brothers and a double portion to my dear mother
not forgetting Lizzie, who I hope is doing well. I am your
Affectionate Son, Wm. Montgomery